August 13

John 8:42-47

Can't Hear, Don't Believe, Don't Love, & God Is Not Their Father

42 Jesus said unto them,
If God were your Father,
ye would love me: for I
proceeded forth and
came from God; neither
came I of myself, but he
sent me. 43 Why do ye
not understand my
speech? Even because
ye cannot hear my word.
44 Ye are of your father
the devil, and the lusts
of your father ye will
do. He was a murderer
from the beginning,

and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.
46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do

ye not believe me?
47 He that is of God
heareth God's words:
ye therefore hear
them not, because
ye are not of God.

That's the way it is concerning truth. Sometimes people, even so-called religious ones, vehemently reject truth.

It's as if there's a spirit within them that has them stuck on sin and loving it. Jesus spoke of a

deceptive spirit
with that
characteristic and
called it “the devil”.

No matter how
compelling the
truth proves to be,
they can’t hear the
words of truth
and they don’t
believe truth.

They have no love for truth. Jesus said it is because God is not their Father and they are not of God.